

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 14-21 have been cancelled. Claims 22, 28, 36, and 41-43 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 11-13, 22, and 24-43 are pending. Claims 41-43 have been amended to correct a typographical error.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 11-13, 22, and 24-43 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Woolston (U.S. Pat. No. 5,845,265). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

As amended, independent Claims 22, 28, and 36 recite that the market protocol includes “a first market phase... and information associated with the conducting of a succeeding phase.” Support for the amendment may be found, without limitation, on Page 6 of the Specification. Woolston does not disclose this limitation and Claims 22, 28, and 36 are therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 11-13, 24-27, 29-35, and 37-43 depend, either directly or indirectly from one of the aforementioned claims and therefore also believed to be allowable.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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